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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN SUDANESE CABINET OFFICIALS

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1. WIDELY ANTICIPATED CABINET SHIFTS HAVE NOW BEGUN.
IT APPEARS THAT CABINET CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN STAGES.
FIRST SHIFT IS PRIMARILY PROMOTIONS IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE
AND NATIONAL ECONOMY. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL NIMEIRI
HIMSELF ASSUMED FINANCIAL PORTFOLIO IN LAST GOVERNMENT SHIFT.

2. AMBASSADOR WAS INFORMED BY MINISTER OF STATE FOR
PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS DR
ABAHA AL DIN HUHAMMED IDRIS
AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING THAT NIMEIRI HAD SIGNED ON MARCH 22
DECREE NAMING OSMAN HASHIM MINISTER OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL
ECONOMY AND FAROUK MAGBOUL MINISTER OF STATE IN SAME
MINISTRY. THIS AMOUNTS TO ONE STEP PROMOTION FOR BOTH OF
THESE CAPABLE INDIVIDUALS. ALSO, ABU BAKR MOHAMED SALEH,
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FORMER AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, HAS BEEN NAMED MINISTER OF STATE
FOR CABINET AFFAIRS.

3. IN ADDITION TO THESE CHANGES SEVERAL OTHER HIGH LEVEL
APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED MOST POLITICALLY SIGNIFICANT
OF WHICH IS THAT OF FORMER FONMIN MANSUR KHALID, WHO RECENTLY
FAILED IN ATTEMPT TO BE NAMED TO HIGH LEVEL UN POSITION.

KHALID WILL BE SSU ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR IDEOLOGY AND ORIENTATION AND CHAIRMAN OF SAHAFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS. SAHAFA PUBLISHING HOUSE PUBLISHES ONE OF TWO KHARTOUM DAILIES, AND HIS NEW JOBS, WHICH MAY BE ONLY TEMPORARY, PROVIDE KHALID WITH INSTITUTIONAL BASES FROM WHICH TO EXPOUND HIS VIEWS.

4. BIOS AS PUBLISHED IN SUNA ON OSMAN HASHIM AND ABU BAKR SALEH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) AYED ABU BAKR OSMAN MOHAMED SALIH, MINISTER FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS: BORN 1930 WADI HALFA; BA UNIVERSITY OF KHARTOUM, MARCH 1955; JOINED TMD MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS 1956. FIRST SUDANESE AMBASSADOR TO ALGIERS. APPOINTED IN 1972 AS SECRETARY GENERAL FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC. RELIEVED AND RETURNED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1973. PARTICIPATED IN A SUMMIT OF REGIONAL AND INTER-NATIONAL GATHERINGS. FORMER SUDAN AMBASSADOR IN LIBYA, FRANCE AND YUGOSLAVIA.

(B) OSMAN HASHIM ABDEL SALAM, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY: BORN 1935, OMDURMAN: B.SC. UNIVERSITY OF CAIRO, 1957. M.SC., ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, USA. FORMER UN OFFICIAL; FORMER DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE SUDANESE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. FORMER STATE MINISTER FOR ECONOMY. FORMER STATE MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY. BERGUS

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